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DATE OBTAINED _____ DATE PREPARED 3 March 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS:

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 30 January 1953, a VP train of 7 boxcars and 15 gondola cars with VP personnel, AA guns and disassembled barracks sections went from Mecklenburg to Cottbus. ¹

2. On 1 February, a troop train of 12 boxcars with soldiers and billeting equipment was observed at the Seddin railroad station. The train came from Bernau and went to Wandlitz.

3. [redacted] the following converted boxcars from Rummelsburg were to be assembled between 3 and 9 February:

<u>Date in</u> <u>February</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Cars</u>	<u>Assembling</u> <u>Station</u>
3	3	Beeskow
	10	Forst Zinna
	3	Gross Schoenebeck
6	9	Rathenow
	9	Brandenburg
	10	Wildpark
	7	Jueterbog
9	19	Rathenow
	50 flatcars	Rathenow

4. Railroad teletype messages indicated that cars to be made available at the Neuruppin railroad station included 440

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flatcars from the Berlin railroad district; and 180 flatcars and 15 RRYm-type flatcars from the Greifswald railroad district.²

5. Troop trains

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<u>Date in February</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
3	2 boxcars and 4 flatcars with soldiers, one truck and T-34 tanks	Fuerstenwalde	Lieberose
7	3 boxcars and 9 flatcars with military goods and nine pontons on trucks	Eberswalde	Beeskow

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1. Comment. The VP train probably was redispached to Saxony via Cottbus.

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3. Comment. elements of the unidentified tank training battalion of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from Fuerstenwalde moved to the Lieberose troop training grounds for field exercises. The loading of an engineer unit at Eberswalde was observed. The present information indicates that elements of the 3rd Engr Regt (US) of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army moved from Eberswalde to Beeskow. As early as on 20 January 1953, a ponton bridge was constructed over the Oder-Spree Canal near Muellrose northeast of Beeskow; engineer units were also observed leaving the barracks installation in Beeskow. Probably the Oder-Spree Canal has frequently been used for engineer exercises by units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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